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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF FEA ADMINISTRATOR FRANK G. ZARB

REF STATE 78149, JIDDA 2089

1. THE EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT BY FEA ADMINISTRATOR FRANK G. ZARB AND THE THREE OFFICERS FROM THE FEA THAT ARE ACCOMPANYING HIM. WE WILL REQUEST APPOINTMENTS FOR MR. ZARB PER PARA 3 REFTEL AND THINK MOST OF THEM CAN BE SET UP PROVIDED THAT THE SAUDI OFFICIALS CONCERNED ARE IN THE COUNTRY. DETAILS OF SCHEDULE AND APPOINTMENTS WILL FOLLOW SUBSEQUENTLY. IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED HOWEVER SAG HAS HAD ENOUGH EXPERIENCE WITH NO SHOWS (NOT NECESSARILY AMERICANS) THAT APPOINTMENTS WITH TOP LEVEL SAUDIS ARE USUALLY NOT CONFIRMED UNTIL SAG KNOWS THE VIP AND HIS PARTY HAVE ARRIVED.

2. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT WELCOME AND SEES NO NEED FOR MR. ZARB TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY FOUR SECURITY SPECIALISTS PER PARA 2 REFTEL. ONE IS PLENTY. SAUDI INTERNAL SECURITY IS EXCELLENT, AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY SAG'S MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAVE BEEN PRAISED BY OUR REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS, AND BY SECRET SERVICE DETAILS ON OCCASION OF TRIPS BY PRESIDENT

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NIXON, VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER, AND MORE THAN ONE

DOZEN VISITS BY SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER. FOR ZARB PARTY TO COME WITH SUCH A HEAVY SECURITY EXCORT WOULD OFFEND THE SAUDIS, IT WOULD BE A NEEDLESS EXPENSE TO THE USG, AND WOULD CREATE LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS IN MOVING ABOUT THE COUNTRY. THERE IS ALSO NO NEED FOR FEA SECURITY OFFICERS PHILIPS AND PERKS TO ADVANCE ZARB VISIT. JIDDA'S RSO IS FULLY EXPERT IN THIS REGARD AND--JUST AS IMPORTANT--HAS RESPECT AND COOPERATION OF SAUDI SECURITY. THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR JOSEPH STORY TO ADVANCE EITHER, AS OFFERED BY PARA 5 REFTTEL.

3. WE WILL PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR MR. ZARB AND THREE OFFICERS ACCOMPANYING HIM. PLEASE ADVISE IF HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SECRET SERVICE OPERATIVE.

4. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR GORDAN DANIELS DESIGNATED CONTROL OFFICER FOR ZARB VISIT.
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